

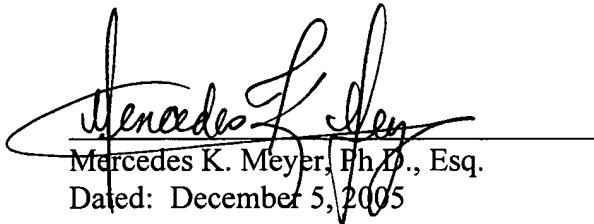
REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are being made to place the application in better condition for examination. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment and favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested. Applicants have amended the specification to correct obvious typographical errors. No prohibited new matter is believed to have been introduced by entry of the foregoing amendments. Applicants believe support for the amendments can be found within the context of each paragraph in which the amendment is made. For example, in paragraph [0066], Applicants have amended "Ir" to refer to "Ir-Pt" cluster. Reference to the Ir-Pt cluster is made in the first line of the paragraph. Accordingly, the amendment is supported at least within the paragraph itself.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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